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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, US, JA

SUBJ: ANTITRUST: GRAPHITE ELECTRODES

REF: TOKYO 16685, TOKYO A-996, DECEMBER 28, 1973

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT AND THOROUGH RESPONSE IN REFAIR AND REFTEL TO ITS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON JAPANESE EXPOR CARTELS IN GRAPHITE ELECTRODE AND BEARING TRADE.

2. GRAPHITE ELECTRODE TRADE REMAINS SOMEWHAT CONFUSING, HOWEVER. REFAIR INDICATES ALL FOREIGN REQUESTS FOR SUPPLY CONTINUE TO PASS THROUGH JEEP WHICH MAKES SINGLE RETURN OFFER, AND THAT MITI COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF ANY CUSTOMER ALLOCATION. REFTEL STATES THAT THE CONSOLIDATION OF OFFERS BY JEEP WAS ELIMINATED IN 1971 BUT THAT MITI-ENFORCED EXPORT CEILINGS WOULD FORCE CUSTOMER ALLOCATION. DEPARTMENT ASSUMING REFTEL CONTAINS MORE COMPLETE AND AUTHORITATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT SITUATION. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION OR CLARIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PART JEEP PLAYS IN PRESENT SCHEME.

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3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY OFFER TO PURSUE THIS MATTER AND CONTINUE TO REPORT AS DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT. JUSTICE WOULD APPRECIATE DOCUMENTATION INCLUDING COPIES

CARTEL AGREEMENTS, LAWS AND REGULATIONS. REFTEL INDICATES CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN AS RESULT OF U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT COMPLAINTS. REALIZE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT DUE TO PASSAGE OF TIME BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY OR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FILES WHICH WOULD INDICATE TIME AND METHOD OF ANY USG APPROACHES ALONG THIS LINE.

4. BOTH JUSTICE AND STATE INTERESTED IN GENERAL PROBLEM OF JAPANESE EXPORT CARTELS AS THEY RELATE TO U.S. ANTI-TRUST ENFORCEMENT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE FROM WASHINGTON THE PURPOSES, EFFECTIVENESS, METHOD OF OPERATION AND REAL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL EFFECT OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. IF THE EMBASSY BECOMES AWARE OF FACTUAL PAPERS OR ANALYTICAL STUDIES IN THIS AREA WHICH ARE IN ENGLISH OR CONDUCIVE TO SHORT ENGLISH SUMMARIES, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM BY POUCH TO EB/CBA/BP.

5. COPIES OF LETTERS REQUESTED IN REPAIR BEING POUCHED.

6. DEPARTMENT IS DISCUSSING WITH JUSTICE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT REQUEST THAT INVESTIGATION BE DISCONTINUED (PARA 3 REFTEL). WILL INFORM EMBASSY WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED ON RESPONSE. RUSH

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